

**Amendment No. 1 to HB0976**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1274**

**House Bill No. 976\***

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 7, is amended by adding the following as a new Part 5:

§44-7-501.

(a) The department of agriculture and other state government entities and political subdivisions may participate in and provide assistance to the establishment of a national animal identification system only so long as participation by producers in such a program is voluntary; provided, however, nothing in this part shall limit the governor in exercising his powers through executive order in the event of an emergency.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsection (a) to the contrary, should the federal government mandate participation in a national animal identification system, the state of Tennessee may appropriate funds and provide such assistance to producers as is necessary to comply with the federal mandate.

(c) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit the state from:

- (1) Establishing or participating in disease control programs that address specific diseases in specific species of livestock;
- (2) Complying with federal law, rules and regulations, and interstate agreements regarding the interstate and international movement of animals; or
- (3) Working in cooperation with other states or federal agencies to plan a coordinated rapid response to outbreaks of animal disease, outbreaks of zoonotic disease, disasters, acts of terrorism, or food safety and food security concerns.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

